



## VICTIMIZATION OF PEOPLE WITH IDD (INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES) TALKS TRAININGS TOOLS

People with disabilities experience victimization at far higher rates than the general population. And while advocates have tracked these alarming statistics for years, little has changed. A major reason comes from the failure of reporting systems and the justice process to protect people with disabilities. When perpetrators face no accountability, the cycle repeats.

**Victimization of People with IDD** is an educational package from THINK+change designed to strengthen victim supports and improve justice outcomes for people with developmental and other disabilities. By exposing systemic gaps and offering practical solutions, the goal is to reduce victimization and ensure people with disabilities receive the justice they deserve.

Let them speak, let their story be heard.

### TALKS – [When Justice Ignores Disabilities](#)

20-Minute Documentary

When someone becomes a victim of a crime, a long and often overwhelming process towards justice begins. It can be extremely difficult and taxing for anyone but when people with disabilities, especially those with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD), enter this process, barriers and systemic failures might mean that they never get to see the justice they deserve. This documentary exposes these failures through the lens of advocacy and victim support providers.

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### TRAININGS – [Victimization of People with IDD: Navigating Crisis](#)

30-Minute Online THINK+change Academy Course

Crimes against people with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD) go under-reported, often due to the justice process missing the supports and knowledge to serve this population. This self-paced training gives crime victim professionals an understanding of how they can best serve a person with IDD. With the proper knowledge, people with IDD can be credible witnesses and you can help them tell their story!

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### TOOLS – [Communication Pocket Guide: For Supporting People with IDD](#)

Printable or Orderable Guide

This handy pocket guide provides the communication tips, best practices, and supports you can utilize when serving and supporting people with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD). Additionally, crime victim professionals will find targeted quick access information around reporting and emergency assistance.

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**Available in Spanish and English** – All videos are in English and offer English Closed Captioning and Spanish subtitles. All TOOLS are in English and Spanish.

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We really appreciate it!

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# **“Victimization of People with IDD” Social Media Kit**

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## **Post 1 – Full Package**

“Victimization of People with IDD” is an educational package from THINK+change designed to strengthen victim supports and improve justice outcomes for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

You can dive into the solutions with this new educational package from THINK+change, including:

- Storytelling TALKS documentary – professionals explain the gaps in support for victims with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD)
- THINK+change TRAINING course – a 30-minute course for victim professionals to learn how they can meet and fill in the gaps in support for victims with IDD
- Downloadable TOOL – a handy pocket guide to help you communicate effectively and support people with IDD, including helping quick access information for crime victim professionals

Check it all out! Head to: [thinkchange.info/VictimizationPACKAGE-SOC](http://thinkchange.info/VictimizationPACKAGE-SOC)

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Image description: Think Change green and black text logo with Talks Trainings Tools written below it. Text reads Victimization of People with IDD (Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities). Below is a graphic of a hand

holding up a disability pride flag and a scale symbolizing justice. Made possible through support from Developmental Pathways, CCASA, CDAC, The Blue Bench, The Initiative, arc Thrift Stores, and The Arc of Aurora.

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## Post 2 – TALKS Series

Victims of crimes who have intellectual/developmental disabilities face barriers to reporting, justice, and in the end, experience higher rates of victimization.

Dive into this crucial documentary to hear from advocacy and victim support providers!

[thinkchange.info/Victim25TALKS-Ex](http://thinkchange.info/Victim25TALKS-Ex)

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Thank you to the THINK+change partners and participants in this documentary at @SungateKids and Starry Eye Creative!

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Image description: Think Change Storytelling Talks logo that includes a black microphone with a cord. Below are the three individuals featured in the documentary, a woman with long silver hair, a woman with shoulder-length wavy light brown hair and glasses, and a woman with brown shoulder-length hair. Text reads When Justice Ignores Disability. Made possible through support from Developmental Pathways, CCASA, CDAC, The Blue Bench, The Initiative, arc Thrift Stores, and The Arc of Aurora.

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## Post 3 – THINK+change Academy

This self-paced training gives crime victim professionals an understanding of how they can best serve a person with IDD. With the proper knowledge, people with IDD can be credible witnesses and you can help them tell their story!

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Image description: Think Change Storytelling Talks logo with Talks Trainings Tools written below it. Text reads Victimization of People with IDD: Navigating Crisis. Below are graphics of a hospital, police station, and court hour with a figure with their head in their knees indicating stress. Made possible through support from Developmental Pathways, CCASA, CDAC, The Blue Bench, The Initiative, arc Thrift Stores, and The Arc of Aurora.

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#### Post 4 – Downloadable TOOL

This handy pocket guide can travel with you!

The best part? It provides the communication tips, best practices, and supports you can utilize when serving and supporting people with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD). Additionally, crime victim professionals will find targeted quick access information around reporting and emergency assistance!

Download or order for you or your organization at [thinkchange.info/CommPGTOOL-EX](http://thinkchange.info/CommPGTOOL-EX)

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Image description: Think Change Tools logo that includes silhouettes of a pamphlet and book. Below are two travel-sized pamphlets with a graphic of figures speaking to each other. Text reads Communication PocketGuide For Supporting People with IDD. Made possible through support from Developmental Pathways, CCASA, CDAC, The Blue Bench, The Initiative, arc Thrift Stores, and The Arc of Aurora.

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## Post 5 – TALKS Advertisement Reel

[REEL VIDEO AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD HERE](#)

Learn more about these issues that face victims with intellectual/developmental disabilities by watching the documentary “When Justice Ignores Disabilities”:

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